

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A computer operable method, comprising:

initiating communication between an IR equipped device and a computer pointing device with an IR bridge, wherein data is transferable between said computer pointing device and a computer;

determining what graphical object of a graphical user interface associated with said computer a cursor is positioned over; and,

processing said data according to what said graphical object represents.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said graphical object comprises an icon and said processing comprises taking an action represented by said icon.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein said graphical object comprises a screen area and said processing comprises transferring data between said IR equipped device and said computer, wherein said transferring causes at least one change in said screen area.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein said graphical object represents a file and said processing comprises transferring said file between said IR equipped device and said computer.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein said initiating communication does not involve a user interfacing with said computer pointing device.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein said initiating communication comprises a user action on said IR equipped device and not on said computer pointing device.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A program storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform method steps for transferring data from an IR equipped device to said computer via a computer pointing device with an integrated IR bridge, said method steps comprising:

initiating communication between said IR equipped device and said computer by way of said computer pointing device using said integrated IR bridge;

determining what graphical object of a graphical user interface a cursor associated with said computer is positioned over; and,

processing data sent via said integrated IR bridge according to what said graphical object represents.

Claim 8 (original): The program storage medium of claim 7 wherein said graphical object comprises an icon and said processing comprises taking an action represented by said icon.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The program storage medium of claim 7 wherein said graphical object comprises a screen area and said processing comprises transferring data between said IR equipped device and displaying a representation of said data in said screen area.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The program storage medium of claim 7 wherein said graphical object represents a file and said processing comprises transferring said file between said IR equipped device and said computer.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The program storage medium of claim 7 wherein said initiating communication does not involve a user interfacing with said computer pointing device.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The program storage medium of claim 7 wherein said initiating communication comprises a user action on said IR equipped device and not on said computer pointing device.

Claim 13 (previously presented): An user interface for transferring data between a host computer and another device via an infrared link, comprising:

an infrared bridge integrated into a pointing device, said infrared bridge being communicatable with said host computer and said device;

a graphical user interface running on said host computer wherein said graphical user interface executes at least one function of a plurality of possible functions relating to data that is transferred between said device and said host computer via said infrared bridge.

Claim 14 (original): The user interface of claim 13 wherein the position of a cursor displayed on a display screen determines at least one function of said plurality of possible functions that is executed.

Claim 15 (original): The user interface of claim 14 wherein said at least one function is to store said data in a file and said position of said cursor displayed is over an icon.

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (original): The user interface of claim 14 wherein said at least one function is to transfer data from said host computer to said another device and said position of said cursor is over a representation of a filename.

Claim 18 (canceled)